



## NASSAU COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2018

Chairman Osborne called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members present were: Sarah Bell, Christine Connery, Jackie Osborne and Mimi Vitale. Board Members absent: Three vacancies - District 1, District 3 and District 5. Staff members present: Michael Favors, Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Hunt, Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Mullin, County Attorney and Janet Wylie, Code Enforcement Secretary.

Chairman Osborne asked the Code Enforcement Board if any of the members had ex parte contact (discussion of the public meeting) to declare. If the answer is yes, the member must state the source of the contact and state clearly and concisely the substance of the contact for the record. In an abundance of caution, the Board members should consider their personal observations, such as those derived from the site visits, as ex parte communications. Such observations must be disclosed. There were none.

Board Member Connery made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2018. Board Member Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Quasi-Judicial Hearing Procedures and Cases to be Heard was read by County Attorney Mullin.

Officer Robert Hunt was sworn in.

OLD BUSINESS:

Officer Michael Favors was sworn in.

### Case 16-804 Joyce L. Shepperd – 35622 Braddock Road, Callahan

Officer Favors stated that Joyce L. Shepperd is requesting a **Reduction of Penalty**. On January 10, 2017, the Code Enforcement Board motioned and seconded that Joyce L. Shepperd was in violation of Ordinance 2012-10, Section 38.01, expired pond permit.

- administrative fees in the amount of \$433.56 to be paid by January 14, 2014
- fine of \$50.00 per day started March 10, 2017 – 434 days x \$50.00 = \$21,700.00
- administrative fees of \$433.56 were paid February 29, 2017
- came into compliance May 18, 2018 when the pond permit was re-instated
- total amount of the fine is **\$21,700.00**

Joyce Shepperd was present and sworn in. Ms. Shepperd stated that her contractor stopped/left the project uncompleted. During the time frame of taking the contractor to court, her permit expired and was overwhelmed with the process of everything; attempting to collect judgement (still hasn't) and being on a fixed income. She further stated that she was under the impression the fine was because the pond wasn't in compliance. Once she became aware it was the actual permit she had it re-instated.

Board member Connery made a motion to recommend the BOCC waive the total fine. The administrative fees have already been collected; paid in February 2017. Board Member Vital seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.